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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application, as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please AMEND the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

a1 -- This application is a continuing application, filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a), of  
International Application PCT/JP99/02472, filed May 13, 1999, it being further noted that priority  
is based upon Japanese Patent Application 10-165660, filed June 12, 1998.--

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